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Petersville African Methodist Episcopal Church  
Petersville  
Private

C. 1870

The Petersville African Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the first recorded congregations to purchase property and build a church following the end of the Civil War in Frederick County.

The building is constructed in a simple vernacular style with vertical board and batten framing and arched windows in the front gable which is not often seen in public buildings in this county. Although in poor repair, the building is significant to Petersville architecturally and historically in the development of the town.

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Petersville African Methodist Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Side of Route 180

CITY, TOWN

Petersville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Petersville African Methodist Episcopal Church

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

(same as above)

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: CM8

Folio #: 597

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Petersville African Methodist Episcopal Church is a one story vertical board and batten rectangular building which faces east from the west side of Route 180 down a lane in Petersville.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance, which is reached by a set of replaced unfinished wood stairs in poor condition, is located in the second bay. The entrance consists of twin original pinned two recessed panel doors with plain cornice which originally had a row of applied circular moldings which have been removed. The hardware on the door has been removed except for a white porcelain doorknob which was added later.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first level are double hung 2/2 windows with several panes broken or missing. Located in the gable over the first and third bays are small double hung 2/2 arched windows which have been boarded shut.

The meetinghouse is three bays deep with double hung 6/6 windows, several of which are in disrepair and boarded shut, located on each side.

A vertical board door is located in the northeast corner of the building. Two single exterior cinder block chimneys rise from the center of the north and west walls.

The entire structure is constructed on a low random stone foundation and is covered by a replaced sectioned tin roof with replaced boxed cornice.

The interior of the building has not been changed. It is bordered on each wall by beaded vertical wainscoting. A semicircular sawnwork railing surrounds the colonnaded pulpit which is flanked on either side by turned column fern stands. The interior windows are surrounded by plain wood molding with shallow triangular pieces over each window. The pews are not a fixed part of the furniture and appear to date later than the building.

A small graveyard is located west of the church.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Petersville African Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the first recorded congregations to purchase property and build a church following the end of the Civil War.

On December 30, 1868 a deed for one acre of land and right of way for "free ingress and egress to said church was purchased from Charles and Elizabeth Hardey.<sup>1</sup>

The building is still functioning for its original intended use in the community of Petersville.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber CM 8; Folio 597.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

clh

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

7/30/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

21 NW  
DYSVILLE

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

POINT OF ROCKS QUAD

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39°22'30"

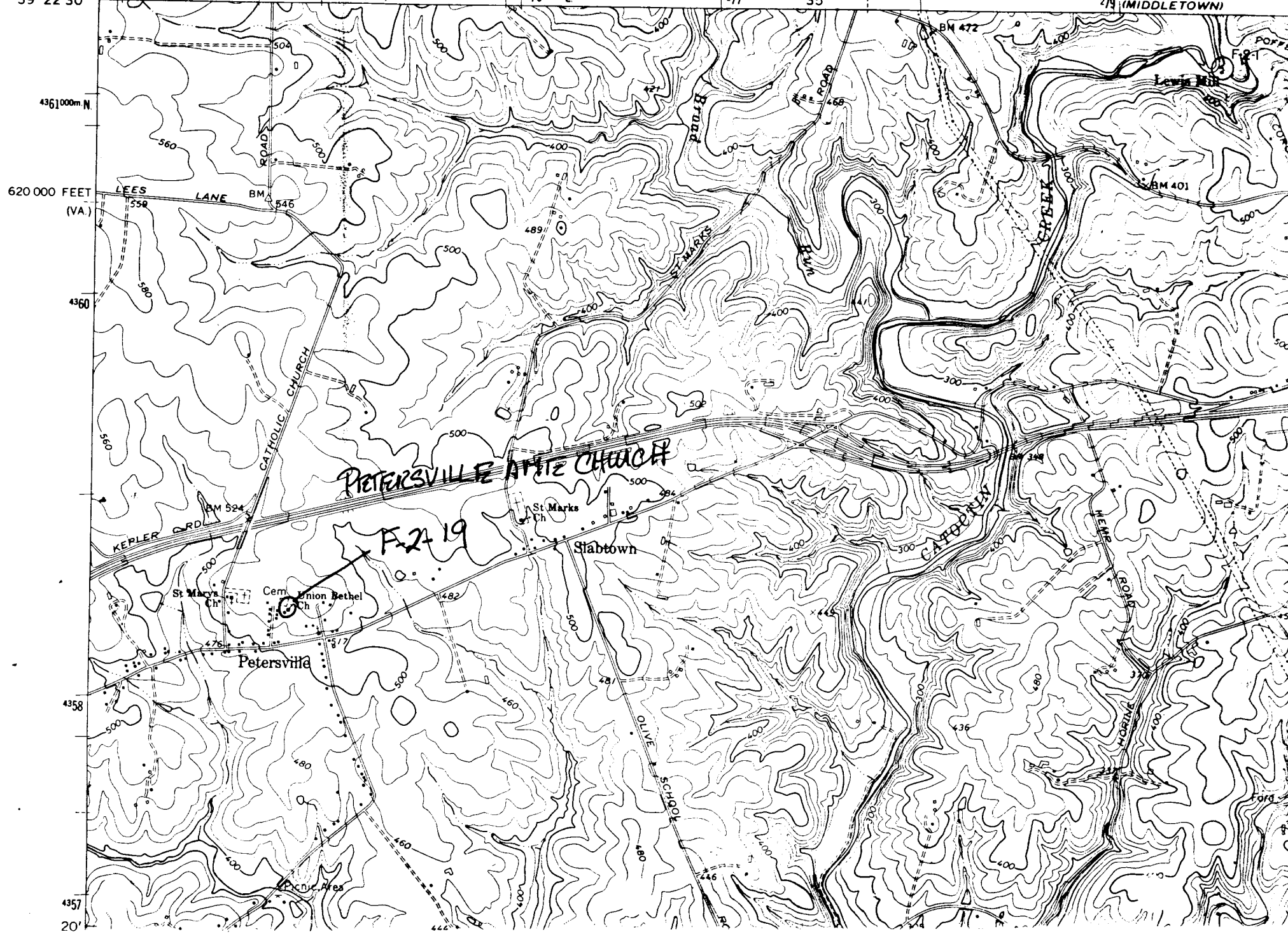
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277

35'

5462 1 NE  
279 (MIDDLETOWN)





F-2-19

Petersville AME Church

N/S Rte 180

PETERSVILLE

CEN 6/80

SOUTHWEST BLVD





F-2-19

PETERSVILLE AME CHURCH

N/S Rte 180

PETERSVILLE

OPEN 6/80

NW 1212V